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BIG PSL YEAR BEGINS

— By Andrew Dettre —

The 1978 Philips League season starts this weekend with high hopes — possibly the highest for many years in Australian soccer.

Far from having lost the initial euphoria of the first PSL year, the majority of clubs have shown almost unprecedented drive and initiative in order to succeed.

In Sydney, St. George will open their campaign in their own stadium at Barton Park, while Marconi's grandstand will be in use next week. Both these venues will be first class

soccer grounds by any standard — let alone the Sydney one.

Canberra City move into the National Stadium at Bruce, while major ground improvements are under way in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Newcastle is confident of an "instant boom", having linked up with the PSL and using the splendid International Sports Centre.

Then, there is the matter of sponsorship. Brisbane Lions have Kentucky Fried Chicken, Newcastle have Toothy's Brewery and several other big fish are in the offing.

All of a sudden, soccer is becoming affluent — and enterprising.

Most club managements have been spruced up, some on a professional basis.

Wests have dispatched manager Mike Laing on a US study tour, the Saints have commissioned a major market research in their district.

Add to this the fact that almost all the 14 teams will be stronger than in 1977 — and you've got all the makings of a successful, exciting new season.

So let the show begin.



ADELAIDE SPECIAL

There is little doubt that in many respects Adelaide was the hub of Philips League in 1977.

Boasting of two splendid clubs with fine teams, top management with progressive outlook and possessing first class facilities, Adelaide was the PSL's pathfinder last season.

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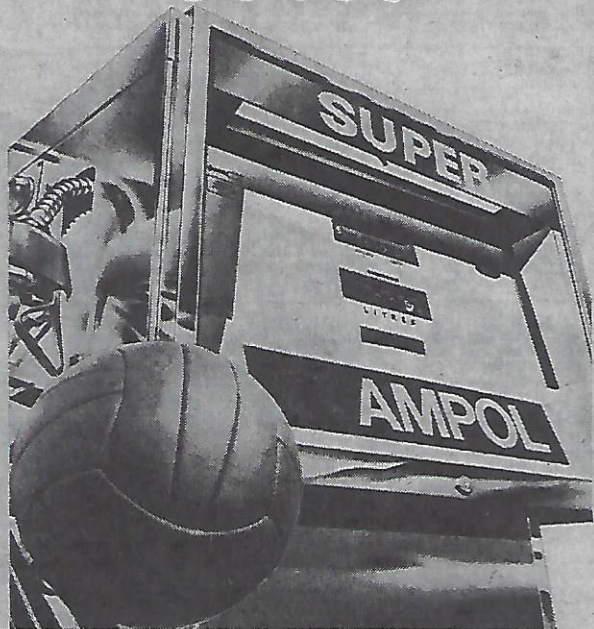
But Adelaide soccer is more than just these two fine clubs.

In today's issue we have devoted a special section to the "city of churches" — and splendid soccer.

The pages were compiled by our Adelaide correspondent, Vic Migliaccio.

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AMPOL CUP SCOREBOARD AMPOL

M/V Olympic

Ku-Ring-Gai

2 (1)

1 (0)

M.V. OLYMPIC: El Zein 2, Kable 3, Sheldrick 3, Karaspyros 4, Lambert 3, Balafas 4, Nezeritis 3, (Angelopoulos: 61), Zeros 4, Brown 4, Katholos 3, Thompson 2 (Xipolitis: 71).

KU-RING-GAI: Gilkes 3, Noble 3, Bainbridge 3, West 3 (Birdsall: 56), R. Smith 3, Wharton 4, Lyall 2 (K. Smith: 45), Martin 3, Robertson 2, Alison 3, Guilbert 3.

Goals: 1-0 Nezeritis (39m); 1-1, El Zein (63m, own goal); 2-1 Zeros (80m).

Referee: T. Davies — **Crowd:** 6212 (double-header) — **Cautions:** none.

ZEROS SWUNG BALANCE

Marrickville Olympic made very heavy weather of winning this match. By half time they should have easily have been four goals up, but Terry Thompson missed from unbelievable situations. In midfield Marrickville dominated, with Balafas

and Zeros in fine form linking up with Nezeritis, Brown and Katholos. However, it was a full 40 minutes before the first goal, when Nezeritis drove a 14-metre shot off the far post after Zeros had split Ku-ring-gai with a 35-metre pass. In the

second half the game opened up as the North Shore men counter-attacked in desperation. Their goal was rather lucky, with El Zein making another big error at a corner and palming the ball into his own goal. Still, Olympic had too much

still for the tough but unpolished Ku-ring-gai and the winning goal by Zeros was fully justified. Olympic may turn into a useful outfit if they can convert their midfield creativity into effectiveness in front of goal.

— Stephen Dettre

Melita

Croatia

1 (0)

0

MELITA: Bracklow 5, Ververis 3, McPherson 5, Yamine 3, Mikas 3, Butler 4 (Brizuela: 65), Faruggia 2 (Smith: 79), McAusland 3, McGovern 3, Drosos 4, Parker 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3 (Bobanovic: 65), Russell 4, Mullen 3, Basic 3, G. Smith 4, Stone 3, MacDonald (Savor: 14, 4), Coleman 2, Abonyi 3, Kovacic 2, Sullivan 3.

Goal: 1-0 Brizuela (89m).

Referee: G. King — **Crowd:** 6212 (double header) — **Cautions:** Mullen, Stone, Sullivan, Milkas.

NELSON TO THE RESCUE

Without a doubt this was the shock result of the tournament, far exceeding Manly's defeat of APIA. The match as a whole turned into a fine footballing feast after an unpleasant opening 10 minutes when Melita were guilty of some crude fouls. These occasionally repeated themselves throughout the match,

from both teams, but failed to alter the fact that the football was pleasing to watch. Both teams relied upon counter-attacks to score, with Croatia looking the more deadly in this department. However, for all the guile and experience of Abonyi and Sullivan, and all the cheek of Kovacic, they could not forge a way

through the composed Melita defence. McPherson in particular stood out, while Bracklow in goals was in brilliant form, saving everything that managed to sneak through his defensive cover. While Melita's defence and midfield looked superb one had doubts about the effectiveness of their attack and so right

up till the last minute a draw looked inevitable. However, Melita's two substitutes, Bob Smith and Nelson Brizuela changed that when Smith's hard shot was deflected into a looping arch over the Croatia defence for Brizuela to run in and head a sensational goal.

— Stephen Dettre

Sutherland

Avala

2 (1)

2 (2)

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Wykes 4, Woods 3, Schumann 3, Dal Forno 3, Meades 4, C. Hall 3, Basterfield 4, P. Smith 3, Lavin 4 (Hesford 65m), P. Hall 4 (Hammer 77m).

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Doran 4, S. Deller 3, Gray 3, Barton 3, Milovanovic 3, Patterson 4, P. Deller 3, Magill 4, Beater 3 (Milne: 65m), Morrow 4.

Goals: 1-0 Lavin (4m), 1-1 Morrow (16m), 1-2 Patterson (19m), 2-2 C. Hall (79m).

Referee: D. Rennie — **Crowd:** 1013 (double-header) — **Cautions:** none.

CRAIG'S THUNDERBOLT

First appearance for skilled Jim Magill, ex-Toongabbie, and the return of Gerry Doran to defence turned Avala into a convincing side. Whilst they could not quite match Sutherland for fitness or cleverness of passing, they had much

more power in front where Tom Morrow was in touch and Magill excelled in his deep-lying role. 2-1 leaders, they appeared likely to weather out the Sutherland storm when Craig Hall found space and let fly with a left footer from 20 metres out on the

right of goal. A winner all the way, it flew into the far side of Peter Ahrens' net. The 2-2 draw gave Sutherland a three-goal better scoring record than Cup-holders Avala to carry them through into the Ampol Cup semi-finals. There is no doubt

that coach John Watkiss has his Sutherland charges in the right frame of mind and as fit as fiddles. Peter Wykes, Steve Meades, Peter Hall and John Lavin deserve special mention for bright performances.

— Keith Gilmour

Yugal

Marrickville

2 (1)

1 (1)

YUGAL: Mandrides 3, Piper 3, Nitya 2 (Dunaj: 65m), Novakovic 3, Radovac 4, Stamenkovic 3, Karanfilovski 4, Nannariello 3, Mihajlovic 3, Travini 2, Rodas 3.

MARRICKVILLE: Looney 3, Page 2 (Martin: 46m, 3), Lee 3, Jordan 3, Windschuttel 3, Steele 2, Apostolidis 3, Thompson 3, Gould 3, Walsh 3, Clark 3.

Goals: 0-1 Gould (6m), 1-1 Mihajlovic (25m), 2-1 Karanfilovski (60m).

Referee: O. Pritchard — **Crowd:** 1013 (double-header) — **Cautions:** Apostolidis, Piper.

This match had little to write home about. Yugal won it on the precocious talents of young Branko Karanfilovski, as well as on the individual skills of the players. Slavko Dacevski now has the job of blending these abilities so that the end result is a team of State League

standard. If he can cajole the brilliant Tom Mihajlovic into making passes instead of once again being a one-man band as he was in this match, then hopes will have been revived. Marrickville, injury ridden, lasted 25 minutes, although they were still squandering chances

right at the end. Dudley Gould scored early, and Mihajlovic replied in the 25th minute. The winner came in the 60th minute after Miloslav Piper had started the move. Peter Rodas made progress against an unyielding defence and managed to get the ball right in front for

Karanfilovski to finish off. Frayed tempers marred play after halftime, but things settled again. Big Peter Walsh gave some splendid passes for Marrickville but coach Rex Foster will need long term as well as immediate plans to get the team into a respectable place.

— Keith Gilmour

PIPER CALLED TUNE

Auburn

Arncliffe

1 (0)

1 (0)

AUBURN: Griffin 4, Peters 3 (Williams: 78m), McGlynn 3, Bertram 3, Vidaic 3, Dobson 4, McGrath 3, Sidey 3, Stephenson 3, Bielby 4 (Hill), Tracey 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Cuneo 4, Butler 3, Walsh 3, Smart 3, Warner 3, Harrington 4, O'Meara 4, Armstrong 3 (Gilmour: 70m), Baker 3, Cochran 3, Cirillo 4.

Goals: 0-1 Harrington (pen 65m), 1-1 Sidey (83m).

Referee: P. Rampley — **Crowd:** 453 (double-header) — **Cautions:** none.

This was an important match for both teams and produced a close, tight encounter. From the opening stages the game was even, with both defences using the offside trap effectively. Auburn were very unlucky in the 10th minute when Andy

Tracey's cross was headed just over the bar by Jeff Bielby. At the other end Paul Griffin's save in the 30th minute rescued his team. The second half started with a blank scoresheet, and it went on to produce plenty of excitement. Auburn settled

down to raid Arncliffe's goal for 15 minutes. Chris McGlynn punched the ball off the goal-line to give the Scots a penalty against the run of play, and Mark Harrington made no mistake from the spot. Derek Sidey found the equaliser for Auburn in

the 83rd minute with a delicate chip into the top left-hand corner following a cross from the right. In the final minutes Auburn put the pressure on, and it was Arncliffe's goalkeeper Bruce Cuneo who saved the day to put them in the semi-finals.

— Dave Murton

CUNEO EARNS KUDOS

Granville

Revesby

3 (1)

0 (0)

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Selfridge 3, Sands 3, Slater 4, Barker 3, Haydec 3, Milne 3 (Johns: 53m, 4), McCreanor 3, Young 4, Fraser 4, Waldron 3.

REVESBY: Pearsall 2, Adams 3, R. Thorpe 3, Patterson 4, Pitman 3, Copas 3, Prior 4, Watson 3, K. Thorpe 3, Byles 4, Howard 3.

Goals: 1-0 Young (5m), 2-0 Johns (80m), 3-0 Fraser (85m).

Referee: K. Small — **Crowd:** 453 (double-header) — **Caution:** Young.

Granville took more of the chances and came out on top in a hard fought but somewhat scrappy match. In front of a small home crowd, they opened the scoring in the 5th minute when Barry Young took advantage of a dropped ball by Revesby

keeper Mike Pearsall following a freekick. From this point Granville started to dominate with good ball control, mainly from Gary Slater. In the second half Revesby came with a concerted effort by attacking strongly due to captain-coach Greg Byles,

who marshalled his midfield to open up many chances. Unfortunately for the Workers many of the opportunities went begging because of lack of finishing power. Granville held out and then capitalised on their chances. In the 80th

minute substitute Phil Johns pounced on a through-ball to put Granville 2-0 ahead. Five minutes later hard working Billy Fraser sealed the game for Granville to bring up a 3-0 final count.

— Dave Murton

WON IN EASY CANTER

AMPOL CUP 1978

EAGLES TO GRAB SCOTS

— By Keith Gilmour —

Melita's sparkling victory over 1977 champions and grand final winners Croatia has installed them as favourites for the Cup.

What coach Raoul Blanco has done with his team of virtual unknowns is the big success story of the season to date.

Arncliffe impressed in their draw with Auburn last week, and a repeat against Melita will add to the entertainment.

Monaro v Sutherland looks an outstanding game in the double-header at Sydney Sports Ground, with the balance perhaps favouring the Sydney side in an extremely close encounter.

Monaro v Sutherland

The bright, fresh outlook of newcomers Inter Monaro and youthful Sutherland characterise what the State League is all about in '78.

Monaro's Sebastian Giampaoli, the brash young striker with that feeling for football that has made him the talking point wherever soccer is discussed, is the man above all others that Sutherland must hold if they are to have their hopes fulfilled of reaching the final for the second year running.

That is not to say that Monaro do not have other players who could take hold of the game.

Their 19-year-old John Santolin is most impressive at the back, a fact that Toongabbie can confirm after their 5-0 loss to the Queenbeyan team.

Walter Valeri has produced the dash that almost led APIA to bring him to the city two seasons ago.

Glen Borwick, John Forwood and Tim O'Maye, well known faces with Granville in the past, are three Monaro players who are familiar to the Sydney fans.

There are two areas in which Sutherland will not want to be found lacking.

They have yet to develop a nagging hunger for goals, and although Keith Schumann is a tremendous prospect, he has as yet had little chance to mature in the vital centre-back position.

John Watkiss has his players in remarkable shape and form to the extent that they are able to execute their passes with a speed and accuracy that was not excelled when the departed veterans John McDonald and Jim Herron were on the job.

It is in these factors that Sutherland could lay the foundation for a narrow win.

If injuries go against the teams Monaro have some depth to rely upon, and the pendulum could thus swing their way.

Assuming that Gerry Walker's injury does not mend in time, Sutherland will take the field with the skilful young midfield of Steve Meades, Craig Hall and Jim Basterfield.

Whilst Craig Hall's abilities soon spring to mind, his young namesake Peter Hall should not be forgotten, as he is carving a niche for himself as a tricky exponent along the left flank.

Melita v Arncliffe

Melita, proud conquerors of Croatia, are overwhelming favourites to enter the Ampol Cup finals.

Ross Warren, as Arncliffe coach, would come forward to doubt to contest this, particularly as he is doing the sort of job for the Scots that his brother Johnny did for fledglings Canberra City.

No-one should be surprised that outstanding Eagles coach Raoul Blanco has brought his team on at the right moment.

The one-time heart of the Prague team with that remarkable long distance dipping shot, Blanco has built his team with pace.

Steve Ververis and Richard Yamine were little known players, but they are becoming

household names as the result of their performances in the Cup.

The defence is playing with discipline, and Arncliffe will find it difficult to drill any holes in it.

Melita's George Butler, a fortuitous signing from Bankstown, will be a hard man for Arncliffe to check.

Warren must put a man on Joe Farrugia because, though he was contained well by Bobby Russell in last Saturday's match, he remains a threat that cannot be ignored.

Similarly, Dave Baker is the Arncliffe striker who is due for a big game and Cochrem, Henwood or Cirillo could give trouble as well.

If Melita do win or even if Arncliffe do the near impossible, then the clash with the winner of Monaro and Sutherland should provide a tip-roaring final the following week.

UMBRO CUP SEMI-FINALS

— By Charles Spiteri —

Kuringai, Revesby-Workers, University of NSW and Belmore won their way into the semi-finals of the Umbro Cup which will be played on Sunday at the David Phillips Field.

University won their group when they drew 0-0 in a rather dull game at David Phillips Field against Revesby.

Belmore just made it to win their group on goal difference after losing to Queens Park 2-1.

Kuringai romped home easily when they defeated Blacktown 4-1.

Newcomer Graham Cook gave Blacktown the lead in the 38th minute when he scored with a 30-metre drive which completely deceived the Kuringai goalkeeper.

However, with five minutes to half-time Kuringai equalised when striker Graham Firrell scored with a placed shot which the Blacktown goalkeeper misjudged.

Seven minutes after the resumption, Frank Malone scored for Kuringai direct from a freekick.

Kuringai went further ahead in



Ballet, gymnastics and even some acrobatics were on display in Sunday's clash between Arncliffe and Auburn.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	3	3	—	—	4	—	49
Croatia	3	2	—	1	10	2	40
Granville	3	1	—	2	4	6	19
Revesby	3	—	3	—	3	—	10

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arncliffe	3	2	1	—	4	2	41
M.V. Olympic	3	2	—	1	5	3	35
Auburn	3	1	1	1	3	4	25
Kuringai	3	—	3	—	3	2	6

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Monaro	3	2	—	1	8	3	38
Manly	3	1	1	1	5	7	27
APIA	3	1	1	1	14	3	26
Toongabbie	3	—	2	1	5	10	19

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	2	1	—	7	2	44
Avala	3	2	1	—	4	2	41
Yugal	3	1	—	2	2	5	17
Marrickville	3	—	3	1	5	1	1

NSW Federation Official Program

AMPOL CUP 1978 THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5

(Semi-finals)

Monaro v Sutherland Sportsground, 1.45 p.m.

Melita v Arncliffe Sportsground, 3.15 p.m.

(times to be confirmed)

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Granville on the way to their 3-0 win against Revesby Workers last Sunday.

Adelaide Special

SUNDAY OPENER

The stage is set in Adelaide for the opening of the PSL at the Olympic Sport Field on Sunday.

A crowd of over 10,000 is expected to turn up to see Melbourne's Footscray.

To coincide with the opening "Soccer World" has produced a special South Australian supplement on pages 4-8.

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STH. AUST. LEADS IN MANY FIELDS

— By Mike Wells —

My first six months as Director of Coaching have been varied, interesting, at times hectic, but above all very rewarding.

During this time I have had the opportunity of visiting Sydney for the national Youth Championship plus Melbourne, Newcastle, Perth and Whyalla where I have been able to look at the local coaching set-ups, attend courses and above all discuss common points of coaching interest with local coaches working at all levels in those cities.

These visits coupled with a general review of the local scene here in South Australia has enabled me to formulate policies which will provide for the improvement of coaching at all levels.

When assessing the relative strengths and weaknesses of the existing coaching it is obvious that strong emphasis must be placed on better school and junior coaching, where there has been a tremendous growth in participation during the last couple of years.

Only in this way can we expect the playing standards at senior level to improve in the longer term.

The first task which was tackled was to get all active local coaches to become aware of what is available to them in the area of coaching. This was achieved in June 1977 and it is fair to say that the initial reaction

of local coaches was one of caution.

However, the Association is now going from strength to strength with over 150 members, and includes something like 70% of all active senior coaches.

The next step was to ensure that an adequate number of Preliminary Courses were provided to accommodate those coaches and indeed players who wished to improve their knowledge.

Three courses were held in Adelaide plus one in Whyalla and no less than 99 candidates enrolled for them.



★ Before being appointed as South Australia's first full-time Coaching Director in August 1977, he was with PSL side West Adelaide, firstly as Assistant Coach and then as Technical Advisor. He has recently been appointed onto the S.A. State Government's Sports Coaching Committee.

I must pay tribute to those local coaches who gave up their time and provided the necessary expertise to staff and instruct on these courses. In particular, Alan Whittle, Denis Harlow and Dennis Grant at Brighton — Alvaro Oliveira and Alan Edwards at Rostrevor — Brian Dooley, John Evans and Ron Cooper at Para Hills and 'Buster' Warhurst in Whyalla.

In January a mini "Summer Soccer School" was held at the State Government's Mylor Recreation Centre. The "School" was built around a fully residential Senior Award Course of nine days duration. 22 candidates enrolled and 11 reached the standard of "Senior Coach". Local referees also had the opportunity of getting together under the guidance of the very experienced FIFA Lecturer, Leo Wilson.

Next year it is hoped to enlarge the School to take in local trainers and administrators. It is vital to the code if it is to improve and grow in stature for representatives from each sector to get together and discuss matters of common interest, work harmoniously together, and above all, appreciate each other more.

On March 4, at Morialta High School, a one day's "Fitness for Soccer" course will be held by Dr. Bob Withers, a senior lecturer at Flinders University, who is soccer orientated, having FA coaching qualifications.

In view of the fact that the Preliminary and Senior Award courses are almost exclusively practical coaching courses, an agreement has been reached with the State Government's Department of Sport whereby successful candidates on the ASF Award courses can take part in the almost wholly theoretical State Coaching Accreditation courses.

The first such course has just started with 24 taking part.

The syllabus will include such aspects as the Role of the Coach, Conditioning, Skill Learning, Psychology and Sports Injuries.

During the season it is proposed to hold a number of Basic Skills courses for coaches working at the more junior levels and as the season closes Preliminary Award courses will be planned for players looking to a career in coaching once their playing days are over.

Supplementary, re-fresher and bridging courses will be held as required culminating with the annual Senior Award course.

One of the most pleasing aspects this year has been the growing awareness and desire of a number of local clubs to appoint only highly experienced, and/or accredited coaches to work at all levels throughout the club.

The days when an under-10 or 14 side was handed over to the nearest volunteer are fast disappearing.

I would, however, ask clubs to be a little tolerant as obviously a new coach will not be able to perform miracles overnight with raw talent.

It will take several years at least before we can hope to see the full effects of better coaching.

For example, good quality progressive coaching of an under-13 side this year, and in subsequent years will not be truly reflected until these players reach the ages of 17 or 18 at least.

This State already has a number of distinct advantages, over its sister States.

The headquarters of the South Australian Soccer Federation are in the course of being restructured. Its extensions and improvements costing well over \$100,000 are rapidly nearing completion.

Its increased accommodation will be able to house the administration of the Amateur League and Junior bodies, two areas where the game is really booming.

Hindmarsh Stadium in terms of pitch, lights, administration and other facilities must surely be one of the best anywhere in Australia and the Board of the SASF is intent on keeping it that way.



Picture shows candidates on the Rostrevor Preliminary course in S.A. Mike Wells is on the far left of the picture. Next to him is Alan Edwards, and kneeling on the far left is Alvaro Oliveira, a former professional in his native Portugal. Edwards and Oliveira assisted Wells as instructors on this course.

Hindmarsh is not the only top class ground, there are two others in Olympic Sports Field and Ramsey Park which in national terms are of a high quality.

Even local state club sides have much better playing areas than many in Melbourne and Sydney. On top of this the training facilities are also generally much better than interstate.

Attendances at the PSL matches also emphasised that S.A. can muster up some of the best support in Australia in terms of spectators, providing of course that top quality performances are maintained.

Adelaide is fortunate also in that it does not have the geographical problems of the other larger cities of Australia and this means that we can aim for a much higher concentrated policy of development.

On the playing side, last season, a large gap in standards opened up between the average State league side and the PSL clubs. This has obviously come about with the cream of the local talent joining the PSL sides.

I sincerely hope that all clubs will adopt a much more realistic attitude towards transfers.

and forth.

As the PSL clubs strive for stronger and stronger sides they will continue to shop from the local clubs but in turn will need to off-load those players who do not, or cannot, meet the rigorous commitments needed in the PSL in terms of time and performance.

PHOTOS FOR SALE

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AZZURRI TO MEET VICTORIA

— By Vic Mighiaccio —

Last Friday's early Ampol Cup match saw Lion scoring a good 3-0 win over Croatia, to lift themselves into third place on the table, whilst Croatia's loss left them at the bottom position.

Goal scorers: Kozuch (40 min), Gagliano (75, 80 mins).

In the later match Victoria sprung the surprise of the series when it beat Beograd by 2-1.

Goal scorers: Victoria: Dance (37, 68, mins) Beograd: Tsen-tidis (51 min).

A big crowd should be in attendance at Hindmarsh Stadium this Friday night.

At 7.30 pm, Ampol Cup 1978 Cinderellas Azzurri will play fast improving Victoria who have to win in their fight for a place in the semifinals.

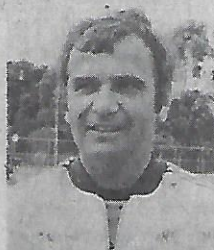
At 9.05 pm Beograd will meet arch rival Croatia.

Assessed on past performances Beograd must be regarded as firm favourites.

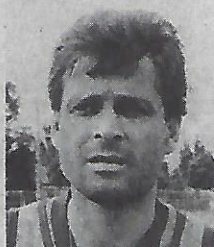
My selections: Azzurri and Beograd.

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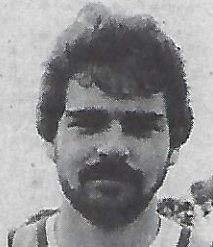
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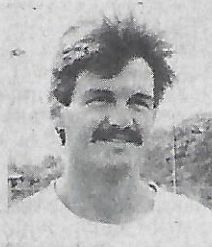
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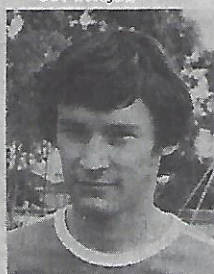
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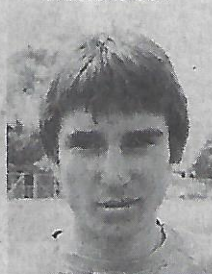
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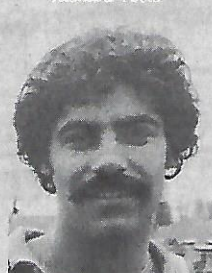
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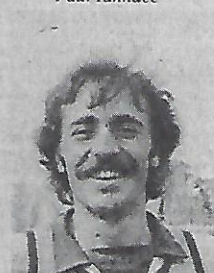
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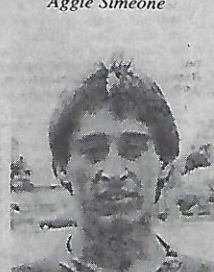
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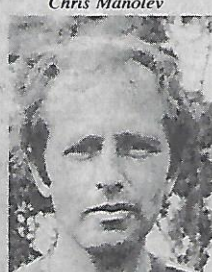
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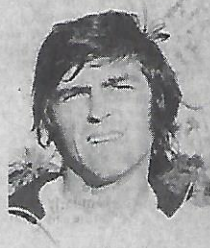
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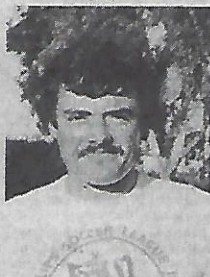
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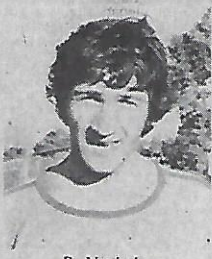
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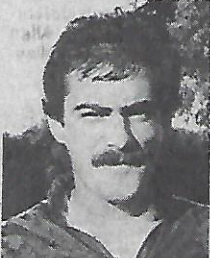
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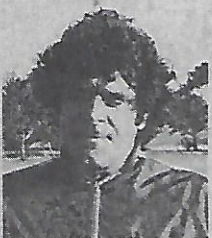
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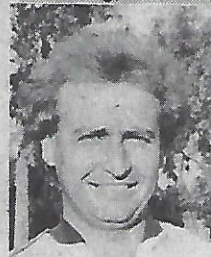
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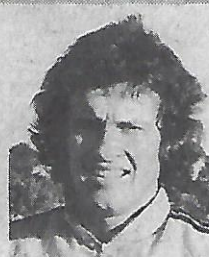
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Adelaide City's star-studded squad, among the most talented and colorful in the Philips League, featuring such aces as Lister, Muniz, Perin, Marocchi and Johnny Nyskohus as well as outstanding back-up men. Last year Adelaide City started the season brilliantly then, perhaps due to all the interstate travelling, fell back to finish fourth.

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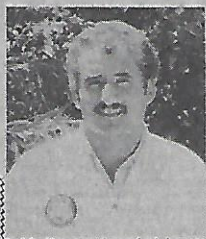
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CITY OUT OF DIXIELAND

— By Allan Crisp —

Adelaide City without Dixie Deans: it's a grim handicap for the ambitious club as they prepare to improve on last season's performance when they finished a creditable fourth.

City without Dixie is like bacon without eggs, fish without chips or a ship minus a rudder.

Subtract the 18 goals that Deans scored to top the PSL goalscorer's list last year and City would have had only a meagre tally.

City officials have announced that Deans will rejoin them once his personal problems in Scotland have been resolved.

Meanwhile, the ill-wind of Deans absence could blow the chance of a lifetime in the direction of Brian Northcote.

Despite frantic efforts to find a replacement central striker, City may discover that Northcote has the ability to wear Deans' crown with distinction.

Northcote has accepted the daunting challenge in confident fashion by regularly hammering home goals in trial games.

City chairman, Charlie Caruso, has said that if Deans' arrival is delayed for a lengthy period the club will look overseas for one or two "big name" players.

This step will only be taken to satisfy the extravagant whims of the supporters and not because coach, Edmund Kreft, deems it necessary.

Kreft is convinced he has the talent already available to take the top honours in 1978.

And it's difficult to disagree with the man who has just been recognised by the SA Federation as its leading supremo.

Kreft has been appointed SA coach for the 1978 season, no doubt on the basis of his outstanding record.

The former Polish professional guided SA to their first ever draw against a visiting overseas team when they finished 1-1 with Inter Bratislava.

Then in 1975 he coached SA to a historic win over Legia Warsaw and capped a great season with a 1-1 draw against Jackie Charlton's Midlandsbrough.

Kreft introduced a refreshing brand of "European" football to the PSL last season which was generally regarded as the most attractive style of the competition.

But while they pleased the purists, City annoyed their vast audience by failing to fully realise their enormous potential.

And Adelaide City, I'm certain, didn't comprehend that the support they commanded extended far beyond the thousands who flocked through the Olympic Sports Field turnstiles.

Tens of thousands of Adelaide's non-soccer fraternity identified with City when, in the early stages of the season, they appeared likely to win the inaugural PSL title.

Those same previously uncommitted "fans" shared in the frustration and disappointment when City failed to take the honours.

Despite the fact that City's home games were broadcast direct by Radio SDN throughout the season, that station and "The Advertiser" were inundated with score inquiries on Sunday nights.

The high standard set by City last year must be maintained if the splendid public response is to continue.

Frank Lister — a man dedicated to that very aim — will again lead the side.

Lister enjoyed an outstanding season last year, winning the prestigious "Advertiser-Beneficial" \$1000 award and finishing runner-up in "Soccer World's" national award, despite missing the last five matches because of a broken arm — and quite possibly, missing out because of it.

The tall, elegant stopper consistently produced the form he has shown in so many State games against visiting giants from overseas.

City are well staffed at the back with Roger Romanowicz as their first choice goalkeeper and

young Peter Marshall, a proven deputy.

Lister has the inventive Zoran Matic as his central defensive partner and an impressive range of choices to fill the fullback positions.

Bugsy Nyskohus is a candidate along with Robert Marwe from Croatia, Fred Yung and Sergio Mella.

Kreft's major problem is that he is overloaded with class midfielders.

Johnny Perin, Gary Marocchi and Agenor Muniz are his top trio, but the latter will miss the first few matches as he recovers from corrective abdominal surgery.

The vacancy may be filled by newcomer Dave Rigby from Mooroolbark or the versatile young Mella.

John Besir made a determined bid to return to match fitness, but suffered a recurrence of a knee injury and, like Muniz, will be sidelined for the start of City's campaign.

Northcote and Australian international Johnny Nyskohus look set to carry City's main striking hopes together with any probable new signing made between press time and the magical kick-off day.

Oh, and let's not forget that Dixie Deans is due to return.



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Our two Adelaide correspondents are Allan Crisp and Vic Migliaccio.

Allan has been writing for "Soccer World" for many years and Vic joined us last year.

Allan Crisp is also the soccer commentator on radio SDN and soccer writer for the "Adelaide Advertiser".

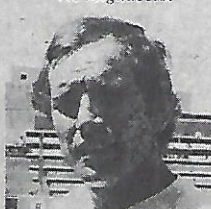


Allan Crisp.

Crisp and Migliaccio, together with officials of Adelaide City and Azzurri, were responsible for arranging and compiling our Adelaide Special.



Vic Migliaccio.



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Azzurri aim at '78 title

I can clearly remember the beginning of the Eastern District Azzurri Soccer club back in 1958.

Luigi Penna (now a prominent solicitor) with a group of enthusiastic young Italians with an inbred love of soccer, set out to organize a club to play regularly.

My brother Stefano was deeply involved in the forming of the club then which was then called "Napoli". Although many supporters have given a lot of hard work, the person mainly responsible for co-ordinating was Penna in what is now the Azzurri soccer club one of the best first division clubs in Adelaide.

On the field Azzurri have always produced a wealth of talent but so often have failed to realise their full potential.

Last year under player-coach Ron White they proved a little inconsistent and finished sixth.

This year former SA coach, Peter Jaksa, has been put in charge. Jaksa has been an active coach for 11 years and has coached Beograd, Elizabeth, Victoria, Polonia and Croatia.

"The club is now in top gear, I have an excellent committee and a good blend of young and experienced players."

"My aim is to help Azzurri to win their first premiership," Jaksa said. "Jaksa's biggest ambition is to coach Australia."

"I have applied for the national job three times but have never been granted an interview by the ASF," he said.

"Last time, I told them that I was prepared to pay my own expenses for an interview, but my request was denied."

Acute signing of ball players like Alder from Beograd, Marusic from Croatia and Manolev from Elizabeth has given the whole side a new dimension.

Striker Russo from Beograd provides the bustle up front and the promotion of brilliant Paul Iannace, who was playing in the U16 State side last year, has been a revelation.

Waiting in the wings are two other promising youngsters, Rene Saccardo and Rico Migliaccio, both U16 State players last year.

Another useful signing by Jaksa has been Richard Yeates, a former State player from West Adelaide.

Aggie Simeone has reached his top form, in the fullback position. At this early stage Azzurri look ripe for top honours this year.

It is known that Jaksa would like to capture defender Phil Russo from Adelaide City but it would appear that the fee in question is a little steep.



Azzurri promotions manager Tony Simeone.

Azzurri have made another major signing in Tony Simeone as a fulltime promotion manager.

I asked Tony to comment on his appointment.

"My appointment is planned firstly to stimulate interest, then to raise money."

"Our first project, already under way, is Azzurri's insurance service, which we hope will be supported by both players and club fans."

Club secretary Ted Juliano told me this week that Azzurri hoped to have its own clubrooms within 12 months.

The building will be next to the present dressing rooms at its Adey Reserve home ground, Firie.

"Plans have already been lodged with Payneham Council for approval. The building will cost the club \$60,000," said Juliano.

Playing staff is goalkeepers, Dibiasi, Migliaccio, defenders, A. Simeone, Yeates, Affede, A. Michelon, F. Michelon, Barone, midfielders, Alder, Marusic, Manolev, strikers, Iannace, White, Russo, Saccardo, Serafini.

—Vic Migliaccio

FULL STH. AUST. STATE ROUND UP

—By Vic Migliaccio—

The South Australian domestic league competition kicks-off on April 15 and at this stage it would be anyone's guess who will eventually finish up as League champions.

Gone are the days when Hellas and Juventus (now playing as West Adelaide and Adelaide City in the PSL) dominated matters.

In the wake of the highly successful PSL, the local competition has lost some of its attraction, yet, despite the gap in standards which has opened up, clubs generally have managed to maintain their own support.

The big news this year is that Westad and Adelaide City will field their second string sides in the third division and will join two other new clubs, from growth areas of Adelaide, in Brighton City and Noarlunga City.

A low down on the League.

BEograd WOODVILLE

Coach: Steve Deheleanu

Steve Deheleanu has returned to take charge of the team and despite the loss of a number of key players from last year's squad, like Alder and Russo to Azzurri, Toner to Para Hills and Kamlether training with Adelaide City, they have looked a useful side in the early games.

The only major signing has been Wally Bojczuk, a former USC Lion player who last year was with the PSL side Mooroolbark.

Certainly youth seems to be the order of the day down Woodville way and a lot will depend on the more experienced players like Neubauer, Harwood, Travar and Teleki to carry the side.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Neubauer and Pasquini, defenders: Douvartzidis, Harwood, Kleut, Travar, Jankovic and Wickstein, midfielders: Teleki, Santrac, Manicic, Scutlen and Urukalo, strikers: Tsentidis, Bojczuk, Caviolo, Kalenovic.

CROATIA: **Coach: Charlie Welker**

Coach Charlie Welker has one once again returned to the club, in place of Peter Jaksa who parted company immediately after the cup win at the end of the season.

Welker faces a task of rebuilding the team, having lost brilliant keeper Banovic to North America, Robbie Marwe to Adelaide City, John Clarke to Birkalla and captain Ivanov who has retired.

At one stage the club tried to lure Peter Stanczak back from Polonia and had to contend themselves with only one signing so far in keeper Jack Przylbiski from Port Adelaide.

The coup signings of John Pope and Ian Bendall from Adelaide City should now transform the side dramatically.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Przylbiski, Cirjak, Zanac, defenders: Williams, Holland, Toth, Ivanov, Evans, midfielders: Bilic, Lesan, Thomson, Lopic, D. Marwe, Ilicic, strikers: Harrow, Jordan, Hayes, Ruschani, Pope and Bendall.

CUMBERLAND UNITED **Coaching staff:** Denis Harlow, Dennis Grant, Brian Wallace and David Smith.

Major new signings include striker David Mahoney from Polonia and the very talented Gary Reeves who has returned from the UK.

Several seasons ago Reeves looked a star of the future with West Adelaide Hellas and Cumberland will be expecting a return to his old form and promise.

Keeper Robbie Parks is probably one of the best custodians in the State and with experienced players like Mason and Ball in front of him the defence looks quite solid.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Parks, Charman and Johnson, defenders: Stuart, Ball,

Portlock, Mason, Moore, Peterson, Wallace, Holland, midfielders: Welsh, Dohney, Reeves, Parks, Colley, strikers: Low, McDonald, Mahoney, B. Leane, Parks, Rayner, Maxson and Chilaraki.

ELIZABETH CITY **Coaching staff:** Sam Hastings, Brian Dooley.

City is a club which should be one of the State's leading sides; with a fine stadium, club facilities and an area which boasts over 5000 juniors participating in a fiercely competitive set-up, it has repeatedly fallen short of its true potential.

Big signings like Sproates, Greenhalgh, Smith, Willoughby and McKay, are no longer with the club, but have proved a great financial drain on the funds.

The team relies heavily on captain Norman Lees and Brian Boyd, both midfielders who had considerable league experience in the UK.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Collins, Boyd, R. Delfos, defenders: Hines, Preston, Henderson, Strain and L. Delfos, midfielders: Morrison, Lees, Boyd, McGregor, X. Hughes, strikers: Dobbin, Humphreys, Evans, Ward, Edwards.

ENFIELD VICTORIA **Coaching staff:** Ian Sims, Andy Henderson, Mike Borrett, Vince Basten and Gerry Campbell.

Last season's new coach Ian Sims, a former Clyde professional, who had been playing and coaching in New Zealand for several years, gave the club a new lease of life.

Sims and his staff have worked tirelessly throughout the summer break bringing on some of the club's talent and juniors.

In the opening games they looked too fragile and almost in desperation have drafted in four new imports in Smitherman, Dance, Lane and Hopper.

Much will depend on captain Bobby Tutts to continue to motivate his players on the field.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Bohenke, Green and Savage, defenders: Higgins, Smitherman, Boyle, Waxman, J. Campbell, Boyko, Jackson, Pizzino and Schoenfeldt, midfielders: Tuffa, Lane, Brown, Nottle and Stewart, strikers: Dance, Mitchell, Hopper and Avery.

USC LION **Coaching staff:** Larry Craker, Alan Edwards.

The loss of Nyskohus brothers, Bugsy and John, plus other key players like Sproates, Johnson and Ball who all helped to make them a formidable side several years ago is still being felt.

However, the return of the versatile Kavalcenti, who has been plagued with injury, is a welcome sight to Lion supporters.

The likely return also of the bustling Peter Kowalski, who had been on trial with Adelaide City, will add to the fire power up front.

The acquisition of former State juniors Mike Weaver and John Jacob is certainly a feather in the club's cap.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Southgate and Weaver, defenders: Herd, Wereszczak, Tennant, Jacob and Hudoba, midfielders: Kavalcenti, Nyskohus, Sobol, Ilynski, strikers: Booth, Kozuch, Caggiaro, Giorgines, Kowalski.

NOARLUNGA UNITED **Coaching staff:** Alan Whittle, Alan Horsfall and John Evans.

Coach Alan Whittle and his two assistants did a very good job last term and have laid solid foundations for this year's task in the higher division.

The workmanlike set-up has been a blend of youth and experience. Only major additions are Terry Wetton from Birkalla and the rugged Harry Ottaway from Campbelltown-Budapest.

Add to these veterans Willie Armour, Johnny Caughey and young strikers like John Foy and Gary Artis and Noarlunga will be capable of upsetting a number of established sides in the league.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Plowright, Foley, Young, Ward and Powell, defenders: Whapplington, Greig, White, G. Cartwright, Ottaway, Martin and Woodhead, midfielders: Armour, Wetton, Caughey and McArdle, strikers: Foy, B. Cartwright, Artis, Daglish, Matthews, Heath and Cooper.

PARA HILLS **Coaching staff:** Mario Danielli, Ron Cooper, George Lazenby.

Under the guidance of Dave Jenkins the Hills managed to cling on to their first division status last year; now new coach Danielli, a former coach with Juventus Adelaide, Marconi and Birkalla Rovers will be working hard to establish the side as number one in the northern suburbs.

Major signings include former State defender David Duncan from Campbelltown-Budapest, Harry Bell who notched 11 goals for Victoria last season and the niggly Eddie Toner from Beograd, plus defender George

Levy from amateurs Madison Park. Former State juniors Frank Oslendorf, Bud Hilton and Kevin Spencer will now be looking to make names for themselves in senior grade competition.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Ostendorf and Prideaux, defenders: Levy, McDonald, Duncan, Archer and Spencer, midfielders: Toner, Gardiner, Hansen, Collins, Hilton, Olds and Travers, strikers: Farkas, Bell, Clark, Hoyle and Prescott.

POLONIA ADELAIDE **Coaching staff:** Jan Mszyca, Marian Kuczmarski and Eddie Typek.

Last year's League Champions who proved they were the most outstanding side of 1977 by also taking out the Ampol and Coca-Cola Cups.

The loss of key players like Bozanic to West Adelaide, captain Henry Kolecki to Adelaide City and the failure to resolve its differences with

young State midfielder Dooley has had a considerable impact on the side.

At the start of the Ampol Cup this year they looked a very poor side, but the signings of Di Bartolo, Kritikos and the unknown giant striker Verovkins have had a remarkable impact on the side.

Player-coach Mszyca on his early season form will have to consider whether to keep playing or concentrate on coaching; obviously his decision will rest on the ability of youngsters like Chadwick, Kosmin and Pietrus to become more consistent.

PLAYING STAFF: Goalkeepers: Jacques, Kunowicz and Green, defenders: Di Bartolo Stanczak, Mszyca, Kolecki, Portakiewicz, Marioni and Pwanski, midfielders: Pettit, Larecki, Poloczek, Pietrus and Timar, strikers: Kritikos, Verovkins, Cadenaro, Chadwick, P. Kosmina and Urbanisk.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Exciting matches, galas open season

— By Andrew Dettre —

Gala opening for St. George — festivities for newcomers Newcastle — special promotions in Adelaide and Brisbane — inaugural game at the National Stadium.

All this on Sunday, March 5, when the Philips League season plunges into its second season that holds out more promise for soccer than any other before that.

There is new optimism in the air, new hope for better things to come; all of a sudden, things are happening in all States, at all levels.

One can only hope that soccer, for long the Cinderella of Australian sport, has truly awoken from its unduly long sleep. We shall know soon.

The first week's clashes:

ST. GEORGE — STH. MELBOURNE

Nothing would please the Saints more than a resounding win during the baptism of their new stadium at Barton Park, Kogarah — and this is well within their range.

They have lost only one of their trial matches (Wests) but twice beat Hakoah 3-0 and once easily conquered South Melbourne in Melbourne — certainly a good omen.

Coach Ilja Takac has introduced greater mobility, system and new enthusiasm in the team which in 1977 sadly disappointed its fanatical fans.

Although likely to field only one new chum (Dunisc), this looks a different Saints, more purposeful, more vigorous and certainly more stylish.

Less good can be said about South Melbourne where David MacLaren's advent has failed to produce instant miracles.

The team is in indifferent shape and no significant replacements have been found after the massive clean-sweep.

South Melbourne would need a complete form reversal to salvage even one point here.

Last year: 1-1 and 3-2.

BRISBANE LIONS — MARCONI

High flying on the wings of fried chickens, Lions have a daunting task here even in their current euphoric mood.

Admittedly Jim Hermiston's presence will make a huge difference — but the battle may be decided in midfield where the hosts are likely to be outplayed.

Quite clearly Lions' chances depend on how their strikers can exploit whatever chances come their way. Last season they were struggling in this department.

Marconi, having come, seen and conquered almost all in trial matches, are razor sharp and dead keen to jump to the top and stay there for the 26 rounds.

Vieri, this ex-Bologna maestro, will be their midfield brain and his partnership with the tireless Rooney and the explosive Jankovics promises great things.

Up front in the dazzling fast Sharpe and the clever Mariani they have two classy, young strikers who will give Bennett and Hermiston a full run for their money.

Marconi may win but shouldn't do worse than that.

Last year: 1-1, 1-0.

ADELAIDE CITY — FOOTSCRAY

So little has been heard of Footscray's preparations that Adcity's greatest danger is their lack of prescience about their opponents.

Not that this should unduly upset the highly ambitious locals who have such an abundance of talent that even Dixie Deans' prolonged absence may not be noticed.

Coach Krefl may bleed some of his new signings but he is certain to rely on the tested Lister, Perin, Marocchi and Northcote to set the pattern for the afternoon.

Fans will be wondering if Adcity can retain their elegant style of 1977 which won them so many fans interstate.

Footscray, if fully fit, cannot be underestimated: they have several players of outstanding ability. Kondaros, Ristic, Ilioski and the fast strikers Palinkas and Piciacoe among them.

Still, it would come as a major surprise if Adcity failed to retain the points at the start of what could be their biggest season ever.

Last year: 4-1, 4-3.

NEWCASTLE — EASTS HAKOAH

No new outfit could have asked for tougher initiation than meeting first up last year's champions.

But Newcastle claim to be ready to make an instant impact on the League and coach Vest is sure to do everything in his power to launch his team into a winning orbit.

This may be a trifle easier than the relative ratings of the teams indicate.

Hakoah have had a nightmare few weeks, losing four out of four to Sydney rivals in trial games, having two players sent off and several others injured.

Alec Robertson's sudden return from snow-bound Scotland to sunny Bondi will bolster the suspect defence.

Ernie Campbell has yet to find his feet in his new club — but he is the type who can burst into top gear suddenly.

A mighty battle is likely — and we wouldn't be surprised at all if Newcastle managed to win.

FITZROY — BRISBANE CITY

Both teams are facing the season with a new coach and both seem to have failed to rebuild completely for 1978.

Fitzroy have kept the nucleus of their team from last season and will be looking for the promptings of Bannan and the finishing of Buljevic and Cole to get results.

The latest reports indicate that their form is patchy and so fans may have to wait for a few more weeks before they can call them Alexander the Great.

Brisbane City have suffered a traumatic loss in Hermiston, followed by the equally dramatic arrival and departure of coach Nesti.

Steve Perry's presence in the defence will be a plus — but goalie Borzi is still holidaying in Argentina. Otherwise there are likely to be few changes in the team that won the PSL Cup.

Fitzroy are notoriously hard to beat at home and the quests may face an uphill battle.

We expect the points to remain in Melbourne, especially if Micevski has managed to settle into his new environment.

Last year: 3-2, 1-1.

CANBERRA CITY — WEST ADELAIDE

The National Stadium will provide a majestic backdrop to this exciting game — provided enough fans can be induced to fill the cavernous stands.



Henry Mowbray, captain of Easts Hakoah, the first PSL champions, whose reign 13 keen rivals are determined to topple.

Canberra's reinforcements, mainly Byrne and the younger Henderson, will add to their strength.

Young Moulis and Hogg are a year closer to maturity and should develop into regular mainstays.

West Adelaide have a wealth of new talent to compensate for the loss of Kosmina; in Norris, Zivkovic, Carruthers and Bozanic they have secured four top new men.

These, added to the survivors of 1977 — mainly Reynolds, Vagianos, Boyle, McGregor and the pardoned Honeyman — constitute one of the most powerful squads in the PSL.

It would be nice if Canberra's debut in that splendid new stadium would have a fairytale ending — but this looks doubtful.

West Adelaide are stronger in all departments and that should carry the day for them.

Last year: 3-1, 0-0.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC — WEST. SUBURBS

Despite the rigid discipline introduced by new coach Tom Anderson, Olympic's current form is only mediocre.

Now with Bell wanting a transfer, the already shaky defence has suffered another blow: it's questionable whether Cotton and McIntosh can hold their line together.

Ainslie in midfield — making his debut against his former team — will add class and security and newcomer Markland should be another asset.

But will this be enough against the amazing Wests who, having lost almost half their team — Curran, Perry, Norris, Fryer, Lindsay and Ainslie — were still able to beat St. George and Hakoah in trial matches?

Wests showed again last weekend against Marconi that they are fit, strong and imaginative.

Youngsters Fisher and Samuels, together with newcomers Vernon and O'Donnell, could soon make them the same formidable opponents they were in 1977.

Wests look the likely winners unless Olympic are inspired by the occasion.

Last year: 0-3, 2-0.



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Brisbane City	Steve Perry (West Sub.) John Bernard Miguel Moulet	Oswaldo Borzi (Argentina)
Brisbane Lions	Jim Hermiston (Gr. Thistle) Barry Fairbrother (Mooroolbark) Paul Ontong (Mooroolbark)	Ian Park (New Zealand) Phil Dando (?) Roy Drinkwater (Newcastle) Gerry Walker (Sutherland) Iain Fagan (Br. St. Geo.) Willie Henderson (Britain) Tom Murray (Britain)
Canberra City	Ken Henderson (S. Africa) Gary Parker (S. Africa) Ian Haywood (Preston NE) Terry Byrne (Preston NE)	Adrian Alston (USA) Mike Black (Canb. Olympic) David O'Connor (Goulburn) Nick Boskov (Canb. Croatia) Oscar Langone (Downer) Miguel Arispón (unknown)
Easts Hakoah	Ernie Campbell (Marconi) Richard Mowbray (Scotland) Bobby Smith (juniors) Jeff McCarthy (juniors) Jeff Illingworth (juniors)	Luis De-Melo (unknown)
Fitzroy	Mike Micevski (Marconi)	Vince Bannon (Frankston)
Footscray	Joe Martin (Britain) Larry Ostrovsky (Pol. Melb.)	Frank Micic (retired) Miro Litwin (unknown)
Marconi	Mark Jankovics (St. George) Roberto Vieri (Italy) Dragan Tomasich (juniors) Peter Brogan (juniors) Dave Polzot (juniors)	Ernie Campbell (Easts Hakoah) Gary Marsden (Melita) Les Hucker (retired) Stuart Robertson (Ku-ring-gai)
St. George	Paul Jones (Bristol, UK) Zoran Durisic (Yugal) Tyronne Patterson (juniors)	Mark Jankovics (Marconi) Paul Coton (Syd. Olympic) Dave McQuire (APIA) Willie Hamilton (unknown)
Sth. Melbourne	Bertie Lutton (Easts Hakoah) John Hansen (Denmark) Sammy Wright (Wolves, UK) Paul Vaughan (Mooroolbark) Joe Tront (Fitzroy) Marcos Karabatos (West Melb.)	Graham French (unknown) John Gardiner (Essendon) Ian Gibson (?) Jim Alexiou (?) Anton Dozen (?)
Syd. Olympic	Alan Ansleie (West Sub.) Paul Coton (St. George) Stuart Markland (Montrose) Ian Laing (Dundee) Peter Frederick (Newcastle, NSW)	Ray Botham (Britain) Richie Bell (on transfer)
West Adelaide	Ulysses Kokkinos (West. Melb.) Graham Norris (West Sub.) Uros Zivkovic (Azzurri, Ad.) Vic Bozanic (Polonia, Ad.) Peter Tymczyszyn (Lion, Ad.) Eric Carruthers (Britain) Con Campas (Greece)	John Kosmina (Britain) Steve Amos (?) Dave Pillans (retired) Richard Yeeles (Azzurri) John Kritikos (Polonia)
West. Suburbs	Rod Skellern (juniors) Brian O'Donnell (Britain) John Vernon (Britain) Rob Drews (juniors)	Colin Curran (Newcastle?) Steve Perry (Brisbane City) Bob Fryer (APIA) Ken Lindsay (APIA) Alan Ansleie (Olympic) Graham Norris (Westad)

FOOTSCRAY: OLD STYLE

A new crop of young, talented players is determined to take Footscray to higher levels than last year.

The pruning of the old guard by Cedo Cerkovic has been survived only by Merko Ruljevic in the youth orientated team.

Despite early casualties, things are running smoothly within the camp. Long serving centre stopper Jim Kriaris is certain to miss a few of the early games through a back injury, and goalie Dennis Boland is still doubtful for the first game.

Under the circumstances Cerkovic was quick in naming substitutes for the team's excursion to Adelaide.

A tough nut, Allan Parrott, is to pair with Jim Kondanos during the settling games. Parrott, a regular for years, was forced out last year by Yugoslav recruit Andy Ristic.

To understand Dennis Boland, 19-year-old Larry Ostrowski joined "Plavi" (Blues) recently.

Cerkovic saw fit, in his long term engagement with the club, to improve the team's expression with young players groomed to the artistic prin-

— By Con Nikolopoulos —

ciples of the spectacular European soccer.

He took the first hesitant step with shrewd forward Mendo Ristovski, raising him to an international star.

From this success emerged the up-bringing of Zoran Ilcoski in midfield alongside another gifted youngster, Joe Piccione.

The return of Joe Martin from Britain will reinforce the midfield since Frank Micic's strategy will no longer be available.

Colorful winger Joe Palinkas will have to sharpen himself up if he is to ride the challenge exerted upon him by 20-year-old John Nikolaidis.

Sharpshooter Dragan Vasic, formerly of Red Star, will spearhead the forward line.

The left flank will once again be unpredictable. Ristovski's display area of high skill.

In a surprise move pioneer Andy Kazi returned to assist his old club until they find a steady replacement to combine successfully with the rest of the defence.

Although Footscray did not play many friendly games, they have reached the desirable point of physical conditioning with an efficiently planned preparation program.

AMPOL CUP

The "Battle of Penalties" favoured Sunshine with a basketball like win (17-16) over Preston, highlighting the third day of Ampol Cup.

A fair 1-1 result at normal time took a cheerful crowd to a hell of agony until the deciding goal arrived after 32 executions of the spot kick.

Hakoah St. Kilda were demolished on Sunday by a reformed Frankston, who achieved their 6-0 victory without raising a sweat.

George Cross, without their player-coach Bill Wilkinson, suffered another defeat, this time by high flying Essendon Lions.

The results of the day were:
Prahran Slavia-Ringwood 2-1
Juventus-Green Gully 1-0
Sunshine-Preston 17-16 (11 F/TIME)
Albion Rovers-Altons 4-3 (2-2 F/TIME)
Frankston-Hakoah 6-0
Lions-G Cross 3-1

CHICKS FED TO LIONS

— From Jim Binnie —

Lions have made a killing in the field of sponsorship: Collins International, the company who market Kentucky Fried Chicken, have been lured into the den and not only are they coming forth with the usual handout but through key personnel and assets are almost ensuring the club with a successful and continuing sponsorship.

Managing director of the company David Young is an expatriate Kiwi, born in Scotland, who has learned most of his marketing techniques in America and is a typical whizz-kid of that country's business world.

Already he has been installed as chairman of the Lions' Marketing and Promotions Committee, a team of professional "hard sell" men who are determined to make Lions a household word around the country.

He has co-opted the manager of his advertising agency Don James onto the ranks, thereby ensuring a direct line to all media for the club.

While all this was being organised the directors of Lions have not been idle and have wooed three local first division clubs — St. Helens, Southside Eagles and Mt. Gravatt—into becoming "sister clubs" thereby ensuring a wide ranging breeding ground for embryo PSL players.

In their usual professional, competent manner this rewarding and altogether excellent news package was made public last week in Brisbane.

At an excellent function, laid on by Collins International, it was shown by the magnitude and excellence of fare that the club need have no fear of their sponsors' intentions.

Already, since that night, the promotions committee has announced a competition for 16 invited under-10 junior sides who will play at Perry Park on Lions home match days.

The format will be knockout with the winners who progress through to the final taking out the Kentucky Trophy. This then is the beginning.

MESSIAH? TYRANT?

Lions coach Brian Daykin has brought his own brand of professionalism to Richlands and impact has to be spelt with a capital "I".

Gone already are Phil Dando, Ian Fagan and Geoff Morris, the latter being transfer-listed.

Such has been the volume of rumours flying around that president John Morcus had to make a statement to the press last week clearing the air.

However, when one remembers that Fairbrother, Hermiston and now Paul Ontong have been added to the squad one gets the gut feeling that this Pommie may be one Pommie who knows what he wants and is going to get it, no matter who, or what stands in his way.

Ambition or tyranny? Knowledge or ignorance? Only one thing will answer the question, results that time will bring.

Soccer World feels that is the way to judge any man, not through the innuendo or gossip of people.

Meanwhile, in Brisbane City, Dennis Ford, an effervescent young man, has become the centrepiece of a most interesting experiment.

Through some sort of arrangement, Ford, who is employed as State Director of Coaching by the QSF and the Rothman's Foundation, has been given control of a PSL side.

The arrangement has not yet been made public but one would imagine Brisbane City will pay a hiring fee to the Queensland Soccer Federation to offset Ford's wages.

As far as we know this is a first in the Philips League and it will be interesting to see how this enthusiastic young coach copes with the difficulties inherent in the situation.

As State Director he is expected to do a lot of work outside the Brisbane area and what sort of reaction will come from the country if these activities stagnate remains to be seen.

For his sake we hope it can work, for it has long been known that in his job he missed the commitment to a team of players.

We at Soccer World wish him well in his jousts to come at PSL level.

CANBERRA: YOUTH CITY

— By Chris Kunz —

Johnny Warren gave a cool reception to Sydney Olympic's decision to call off Friday's proposed trial match in Canberra. Understandable, considering it was the second such move in a week.

Johnny Warren is very proud of his young players, and the overall youth of his first team squad, whose average age he calculates to be about 21.8.

Of the 17-year-olds, Moulis, defender, and Hogg, utility player turned midfielder, should hold down fairly regular places.

Goalkeeper Lindenmeyer and defender Milovanovic will at worst be capable substitutes.

The Fijian international goalkeeper is likely to be the next addition to the squad.

There's a possibility that former Canberra, Johnny Davies, will sign for Canberra City.

City are planning a gala opening for their match this Sunday against West Adelaide.

Included in the presentation is a game involving virtually all reserve and youth team players.

Club officials are hoping for around 5000 people at the National Stadium for the day.

The Canberra City Board for 1978 is: President, Doug Holman; Secretary, Hal Leslie; Vice-Presidents, Theo Moulis and Charles Perkins; Treasurer, Wiktor Falko; Members, Bill Arnold, Steve Doszpot and Peter Windsor.



Canberra's promising Mick Milovanovic, 17.

Photo: Warren Hudson

A Sydney businessman has apparently bought Davies from Sydney Croatia, and is likely to lease him to either St. George or Canberra City.

Canberra City defeated Marconi 3-0 in a Philips League trial game in Canberra last Sunday.

Apart from a few dangerous shots in the first half, a couple of which were well saved by Tilsed, the star-studded Marconi outfit was outpaced.

Goals by Stoddart and Byrne were added to after half time by Moulis.

Marconi coach Rale Basic mentioned that his side played without Jones, Byrne and Russell, yet admitted that he had nothing but praise for an enthusiastic Canberra performance.

Canadian World Cup coach, Eckhard Krautzan, dropped into Canberra last weekend as a guest of Johnny Warren.

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CLUB PATROL

TOONGABBIE are looking for friendly matches to prepare them for the start of the season as they feel that the main reason for their 'failure' in the Ampel Cup was lack of team understanding. Any club, be they inter district or Federation, wishing to have a friendly with the Demons, should contact their PR man David Clarke on 624-8308.

Granville player **TIM O'MAYE** has signed for the Queanbeyan club Inter Monaro, and plans to move down to live in Canberra. He will share a flat with team mate **JOHNNY FLOOD** in the capital.

All of Inter Monaro's players live either in Queanbeyan or Canberra, which is only six miles away, except for **JOHN BOWICK**. Last season John travelled down to Queanbeyan for matches while living in Sydney and training with Granville.

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS are hoping to entice youngsters from the area along to their matches by issuing 20,000 free passes to junior clubs, schools and youth groups in the area.

DAVID LEE expects to go to England shortly for further coaching courses. It will probably take two visits to cover the levels available to him. He is Director of Coaching for the Soccer Coaches Federation in NSW.

Some other first division clubs could take a leaf out of **TOONGABBIE**. Demons' book with regard to treatment of the press. Toongabbie are asking pressmen what facilities they would like to see at their ground. At present the facilities at Girtaween are to say the least "spartan", but the new ground is being planned and the press is being taken into consideration.

CROATIA's defeat at the hands of **Melita Eagles** was their first competitive defeat in almost a year. Their last loss was 2-1 at the hands of **APIA** in the championship on April 3, 1977.

The Council of the Chamber of Manufacturers elected **HERMAN D. HUYER** as president. He is chairman and managing director of Philips Industries Ltd. Previously, he was managing director of Philips companies in Egypt, Pakistan and Greece. His earlier experience with Philips was gained in Holland, Nigeria, Singapore and South Africa.

Auburn don't expect to have their talented defender **GARY FAIRCLOUGH** back in action before the start of the season as he is still recovering from a badly lacerated shin, sustained in a training session.

The **WEST ST. GEORGE Soccer Club** gained a useful sponsorship recently when they completed a deal with **Nyhus Holden**. The club will get \$1,000 for gear and accessories, while there will also be a weekly award for the player of the week in each grade.

From the start of the 1978 season all **ARNCLIFFE SCOTS** committee men will be easily recognisable as they will be outfitted in attractive new baize blazers with the club emblem, a thistle, on the pocket.

In spite of the **Philips League's** inspection of **Erskineville Oval** and its huge potential, all is not well. The inside fence is about knee-high, and **PSL** manager **JOHN FRANK** wants to see a proper fence erected. The playing pitch needs to be established closer to the big grandstand, and press facilities also need improving. Sydney Olympic expect finality on arrangements for the ground with South Sydney have to fully satisfy the **PSL** that crowd control features are up to par.



One of Sydney's leading referees **TIM DAVIES** is continually amazed by the lack of interest shown by clubs in the Referees Association's offer to give friendly chats on the laws of the game. A general consensus amongst the referees gives the opinion that at least 60% of all players, ranging from juniors right through to some internationals, do not understand or know the laws of the game. According to Tim Davies, such an understanding could well mean a drastic reduction in the number of freekicks, cautions and sendings off. How about it chaps? All it takes is a phone call to the NSW Federation and an informative talk can be arranged.

The five Sydney-based **PSL** clubs are almost certain to return to the fold of the **NSW FEDERATION**. Chances are that they will be re-admitted in 1979 to the second division, with full voting rights. **ASF** president **Sir Arthur George**, keen to re-establish full rapport between the bodies, is believed to have told **NSW** to open negotiations.

Inter Monaro's talented full back **FLAVIO DE PAOLI** dislocated his shoulder against Toongabbie the other week, and could be out for a month before the injury heals fully.

Arncliffe Scots are at present selling season tickets for all their home games at a very cheap rate of only \$12. That works out at about \$1 a match. All enquiries should be directed to either **TERRY BYRNE** on 602 1195 or **DAVE DORIAN** on 771-4843.

This Saturday **MELITA** are having a "Moonlight Party" for over 700 supporters of the club. A ferry has been booked and will cruise around Sydney Harbour, while on board the guests will be able to eat and have a relaxing time.

Croatia suffered a hammer blow in more ways than one last week, for they not only lost their match to **Melita**, but they also lost their talented midfielder **STEVE McDONALD** for at least a few months as he broke a leg in a tackle. The injury is desperately unlucky for **Steve** as this was promising to be one of his best seasons.

Laing says we must think big

Without proper planning and investment — in manpower and money — Australian soccer will never be able to emulate the American success story.

This is the firm belief of Western Suburbs manager-coach **Mike Laing**, just back from a study tour of the USA.

Laing financed a large part of the trip himself, during the five weeks he visited six of the National American Soccer League clubs as well as the NASL offices in New York.

He was curious when he went — and he is most impressed on his return.

"It's not just a show or circus, as some people would have you believe," he says.

"There is far too much time and money involved for a simple gimmick."

"The Americans have done their homework well. Their statistical and marketing surveys are incredibly accurate."

"So you'd better believe them when they say that soccer in the USA will be the No. 1 sport by 1987."

"In fact, you wonder why they have not named even the month."

Laing, understandably, doesn't want to put out the conclusions of his findings piecemeal.

"First I'll try to implement some of the ideas in *West's*," he says.

"Then I'll be prepared to make the whole dossier available to interested clubs."

Laing is convinced that what holds back progress in Australia is the small thinking of our clubs.

"Look," he says, "take my case, I'm manager-coach and I just have time to do the main jobs for which I'm paid and merely make a gesture towards other fields."

"It's the same with every other club. They try to do things on a

shoestring, with voluntary help, committees, etc., because there is no money.

"But this way they fail to sell and market the game, so the crowds are down, there's no extra revenue and the clubs will never have enough money to engage the necessary extra staff. It's a vicious circle."

"Now, the Americans think differently. They engage expert promotional, publicity and sales staff on fulltime salaries — and pay them from the increased revenues which their work generates."

"Sure it's an investment — but that's the American way of doing things."

"Here we just wait for the crowds to turn up — and they don't. There they lasso them."

"Suppose an Australian club had a staff of three working fulltime; this could cost the club an extra \$50,000 investment."

"If these people could increase a club's attendance figures just by 1500 a game, in the 13 home matches this would be 19,500 times \$2 — almost \$40,000."

"And then the extra revenue from souvenir sales, advertising and other sources. Why, it would pay for itself."

"The New York Cosmos had three fulltimers in 1976 — now they have 20. And their gate takings and revenue have multiplied in that period."

"They think big; we think small. They progress, we stagnate."

"Australian clubs must learn to be more daring. Without investment in expertise, they cannot expect changes."

— AD.

Youth cup in doubt

The **ASF** is still in the dark about the 1978 elimination matches for the **Coca Cola World Cup Cup**.

All they have is a release from FIFA that "in the summer of 1978 Oceania will hold a tournament."

The winner would go to South America to play their third placed team plus Israel.

"There is no doubt now that we won't play this tournament before the FIFA Congress in May," **ASF** secretary **Brian Le Fevre** said this week.

"Sir Arthur and I will go to Argentina for the Congress and, together with the other Oceania

delegates, we hope to kick up sufficient fuss.

"And if we fail, we'll withdraw."

The chances are that Australia will rejoin the Oceania Federation in Buenos Aires — provided this comatose body becomes active.

It's no secret that Australia will seek a dominant role in Oceania and then a seat on the FIFA executive, probably in the shape of a vice presidency.

Sir Arthur and Le Fevre are likely to leave for Argentina on May 23 and return early June — just after the start of the actual World Cup.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



Saturday, March 4:

Fitzroy v Brisbane City Middle Park, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 5:

St. George v Sth. Melbourne Barton Park, 3.30 p.m.
Olympic v West. Suburbs Arlington, 3 p.m.
Brisbane Lions v Marconi Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Adelaide City v Footscray Olympic Field, 2.30 p.m.
Newcastle Utd. v East Hakoah Sports Centre, 2.30 p.m.
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WORLD NEWS

... THE ROAD TO ARGENTINA

• The West German Duisburg may provide Internationals for three teams in the World Cup: Dietz (Germany), Jara (Austria) and Bregman (Holland).

• Peru's No. 1 goalkeeper Ganoza had to have a hernia operation and may be out of action for weeks. Manager Calderon has also dropped his veteran (37) stopper Melendez and has replaced him with Navarro, who plays for the Argentinian Boca Juniors.

• Argentina's metropolitan championship was won by River Plate who will now play for the Copa Libertadores (South American Cup).

• The Swedish World Cup squad is spending two weeks in a training camp at Marbella, Spain. Their tall striker, Edstrom, stayed home recovering from surgery.

• The Austrian TV plans to give a live, direct telecast of 19 matches from the World Cup in June.



Hungary's manager Lajos Baroti, spying in Naples...

• Hungary's manager Lajos Baroti (above) who watched the Italy v France match in Naples (2-2), named Tresor, Michael, Bosl and Bathenay (France), as well as Gentile, Sala and Graziani as the best on the field.

• Mexico's great form continues, they beat El Salvador 5-1 in San Salvador with sharpshooter Sanchez getting a hat-trick. In Mexico's last three friendly internationals Sanchez, 19, has grabbed nine goals himself and may be the sensation of the World Cup.

• The venue of the 1978 World Cup final on June 25, the River Plate stadium of Buenos Aires, was built in 1938. Recently the stadium's capacity was reduced from 104,000 to 85,000 to install more seats.

• Ticket sales for the World Cup matches have resumed again in Argentina, following a brief stocktaking stop. Up to December 31, only 20 percent of the tickets had been sold but since the draw on January 14, the rush is on again.

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• The great Johan Cruyff has scored only three goals this season for Barcelona — and has collected four yellow card cautions.

• FIFA president Joao Havelange follows the fortunes of the West German VfB Stuttgart with keen interest — his wife hails from that city.

• The West German Association has suffered a severe blow: one of its leaders, press chief Hermann Joch, died suddenly at the age of 54, following heart surgery.

• West German ace Rainer Bonhof shuns the ascetic aspects of life: he has just bought himself a new Mercedes 280 CE with all the gadgets possible — for a cool \$23,000. (In Australia it would cost around \$35,000.)

• Poland has called off the planned international against Hungary on March 22 in Warsaw because it would clash with their World Cup preparations.

WEST EUROPE

• There is always an exception... Johan Cruyff is a heavy smoker yet rated as the world's most celebrated player. Cruyff hates flying not because he's scared — but because often he is asked to extinguish his cigarette at landings and takeoffs.



Sepp Maier — unlucky 400th match jubilee.

• Sepp Maier, Bayern's veteran West German goalie (pictured), has just played in his 400th consecutive match. The celebration went somewhat sour as Bayern lost 2-3 to Schalke.

• Rudiger Abramczyk, Schalke's 22-year-old international winger, is back in top form — after having changed his mind about a transfer request with the club having met his demands for a new contract.

• The Austrian press is raving about the strength of Greece, who held them to a draw in Athens recently. The newspapers claim that Greece has improved by three goals since 1976 and in Galakos and Mavros, they have two brilliant strikers.

EAST BLOC

• Czechoslovakia has been invited for a friendly against Brazil in Rio on May 17.

• Czechoslovak international star Josef Capkovic had to retire following a severe head injury suffered in the match against Scotland.

• Sandor Pinter, Honved's Hungarian international star midfielder, has resumed playing after a two-week spell with a chipped bone in his foot.

MULLER TIPS BRAZIL WIN

Gerd Muller, the inimitable West German scoring machine, tips Brazil to win the World Cup in June.

"West Germany is a lot weaker than it was four years ago," he said.

"Beckenbauer's absence will be the biggest single blow to our chances."

"As for my own plans, I am still undecided. I've been asked to play in the USA. "However, my contract in Munich runs until May, 1979, and I have no intention of breaking that."

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